Resignation of H. H. Rama Varma Appan Tampuran of Presidentship—Vernacular Education Committee.

208. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether H. H. Rama Varma Appan Tampuran has tendered his resignation of His Highness' Presidentship of the Vernacular Education Committee;

(b) what were the reasons for the resignation;

(c) will a copy of His Highness' resignation be placed on the Council Table?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—(a) Yes.

(b) No specific reasons were given.

(c) Copy is appended. (*Appendsx II*).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Here in the resignation letter of the Presidentship it is stated, "I feel it inconvenient as well as impracticable to continue as the Chairman of the Vernacular Elementary Education Enquiry Committee. I therefore request you to kindly inform the Government that I have hereby resigned the Chairmanship of the said Committee". Is the Government in a position to say what the impracticability of His Highness was to serve in the Committee?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I have absolutely no idea and I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any paper with the Government to show what the impracticability of the President was?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The papers or the back files do not show anything beyond what is stated here.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Did the Government ask His Highness whether the impracticability was caused by any other members or by the Government?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—It was not asked.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether there is any information available for the Government that His Highness' inconvenience to serve on the Committee was due to a particular member of the Committee?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Not that I remember.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was it not left to the courtesy of the Government to enquire the specific reason for his resignation?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I don't think it is generally necessary when a person resigns an office to enquire why he resigns his office. It is not the general policy of the Government at all.

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Dr. A. R. Menon—Who are the members of the Committee, please.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I am sorry, I want notice.

Dr. A. R. Menon—I am very sorry you could not even give names. Will you be able to give any name? Is there the name of Mr. Raghavan Nayar?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes. I remember.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What are his qualifications? Does he belong to Cochin State?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I am not in possession of all facts.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I see the difficulty you are labouring under. He is a man who is unknown here, who hails from some other place and if my information is correct, he possesses no qualification whatsoever to sit along with Appan Tampuran in a Committee. So I am asking this question. Any interference of a man of this nature in a Committee will lead to inconvenience. The Government ought to be in a position to tell us why they went outside Cochin State to get a competent editor as a member of the Committee. Are there not competent members in this Council to sit in the Committee?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I think, to suppose, in these days, that any individual is unfit to sit side by side with any other is really a retrograde step.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We know that principle has been followed and you know the result of that in the Ernakulam College. We want to know what is the qualification of the person hailing from outside the Cochin State.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Mr. Raghavan Nayar is the editor of Gomathi. I will give the names of the Members of the Committee presently. His Highness Kerala Varmha Thampuran; Mr. Raghavan Nayar, Mr. K. Narayana Menon, retired Malayalam Pandit; Mr. P. Narayanan Nayar, Manager, Sanskrit School, Nemmara, and Mr. G. Sankara Kurup, Pandit, Government Training Institution, Trichur.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is seen from that list that all of them except this Raghavan Nayar are connected with Educational Institutions. But Mr. Raghavan Nayar is a great editor. Will the Government be pleased to state why they got an outsider with no specific qualification to sit in the Committee?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I should consider, only his scholarship in Malayalam.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We know that it was not due to that. It is due to his articles in Gomathi.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I have not read Gomathi at all.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether this Editor is a Cochinite or not?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I am sorry I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not expected of Government to be ready with all information?

President.—Government can give only informations available.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know, Sir, how long he has been living in Cochin State?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know, Sir, whether he is at present living in Cochin?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether he is a gentleman or a lady?

President.—No. No. That cannot be tolerated.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I have a few more supplementary questions.

President.—Only questions for information may be put.

Dr. A. R. Menon.— On a point of order, Sir. When asking for information sometimes an explanatory statement would be necessary so that the Heads of Departments may understand the question.

President.—The question may be so put as to be intelligible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether his resignation has been accepted ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know who is the present President?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Kerala Varmah, 5th Prince.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Has there been any instance of Appan Thampuran resigning except this in his whole career, when the Government asked him to do some work?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—When I read this letter the word 'impracticable' struck me also. I tried to explain the thing and on a consideration I found whenever any member of the Government service, paid or honorary, resigns a place there is absolutely no necessity or very little practice of going behind that and finding out any reasons for it. So I stopped. I am extremely sorry that I am not able to supply any other information on that subject.

Order of confirmation of Mr. A. R. Subramania Ayyar, Assistant Professor.

209. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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APPENDIX II.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 208*).

Letter dated 4th Mithunam 1108 from His Highness Rama Varma Appan Thampuran.

I feel it inconvenient as well as impracticable to continue as the Chairman of the Vernacular Elementary Education Enquiry Committee. I therefore request you to kindly inform the Government that I have hereby resigned the Chairmanship of the said Committee.

APPENDIX III.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 218*).

Report dated 31st May 1933, C. No. 2618/1108, from the Anchal Superintendent.

Subject —Anchl bag to Chowwara—delay in despatch of.

Ref.—O. M., Ez. 15836/08, dated 29th May 933.

The usual C. S. Out mail from Ernakulam missed the train on 28th May 1933 as it was too late when it was despatched from the Anchal Office. All the bags included in the mail were however despatched by the 2nd train which starts from Ernakulam at 8 a. m. The officer responsible is the acting Anchal Master, Kumara Menon and a copy of his explanation is herein enclosed. This is the third time that the Railway Mail was missed during the short space of nearly 5 months since Kumara Menon was Anchal Master. The fact is that Ernakulam being the most important Anchal Office requires a more energetic and experienced Anchal Master.

(Sd.)
Anchal Superintendent.

APPENDIX IV—(a).

(*Vide answer to Question No. 228*).

Resolution No. 2 dated 6th Meenam 1108, passed by the Vadakkancheri Panchayat.

വടക്കാഞ്ചേരി പട്ടണം തലപ്പള്ളി താലൂക്കിന്റെ തലസ്ഥാനമാകയാലും ഒരു തലസ്ഥാനപട്ടണത്തിനു വേണ്ടുന്നതായ ഗതാഗത മാർഗ്ഗങ്ങളുമുതലായ സൌകര്യങ്ങളും വേണ്ടവിധം ഇല്ലാത്തതിനാലും കുന്നംകുളം പട്ടണത്തിന്റെ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ സ്ഥിതിക്കു കാരണം ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും പട്ടണപരിഷ്കരണത്തിനു വേണ്ടുന്ന ഏർപ്പാടുകളും എല്ലാം നേരിട്ടു നടത്തിയതിനാൽ അയ്യങ്കൊണ്ടും ഈ പട്ടണപരിഷ്കാരത്തിലേക്കു ടൌൺ ഇംപ്രൂവ്മെണ്ടു കമ്മിറ്റി ഏർപ്പാടു ചെയ്യുന്ന ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും നേരിട്ടു ഭരണം നടത്തുന്നതു നന്നായിരിക്കുമെന്നും എന്നാൽ അതിലേക്കു ഉദ്ദേശം ൫ ൪,൦൦൦ ക. വരെ ചിലവു് മൊത്തമായി വേണ്ടി വരുന്നതാണെന്നും അതു ഒരുമിച്ചു അനുവദിച്ചു കിട്ടുവാൻ എളുപ്പമല്ലാത്തതിനാൽ നാലഞ്ചുകൊല്ലമായിട്ടെങ്കിലും അനുവദിച്ചു കിട്ടേണ്ടതാണെന്നും കമ്മിറ്റിയെ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ നിശ്ചയിച്ചു എന്തെല്ലാം പരിഷ്കാരങ്ങളാണു് വേണ്ടതെന്നു കാട്ടുന്ന Scheme തയ്യാറാക്കിക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നും ഈ യോഗത്തിലെ മെമ്പർമാർ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെടുകയും വിവരം ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിലേക്കു അറിയിപ്പാനായി വില്ലേജ് പഞ്ചായത്തു രജിസ്ട്രാർ അവർകൾക്കു എഴുതി അയപ്പാൻ തീരുമാനിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു.

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